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Catawba County Child Support Program Releases 12 Most Wanted Non-Supporting Parents

Non-supporting parents can run, but they cannot hide in Catawba County. The Child Support program just released the latest 12 Most Wanted Non-Supporting Parents poster for Catawba County. The posters will be circulated throughout Catawba and neighboring counties in the hopes of tracking down these non-providing parents.

The Most Wanted program began in 1996 and it continues to be an effective tool to help locate non-supporting parents. The parents featured are only 12 of those who the Child Support program has had difficulty locating for some time. Among other reasons, the non-supporting parent may be difficult to locate if they have no official employment on record or if they move around.

In addition to being posted around the area, the posters are distributed to the Catawba County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sobotkin, who works closely with the Child Support division, says that one of the primary benefits of the Most Wanted campaign is that "it calls attention to the fact that child support is being enforced."

The Child Support program of the Catawba County Department of Social Services has long been committed to helping custodial parents to collect child support. However, due to new legislation, non-payment of child support will no longer be enforced through the clerk of courts, making the services of the Child Support division even more important than ever.

The services of the Child Support program are open to any custodial parent with child support needs in Catawba County, regardless of income. The Child Support program has a collection rate of about 73%. They have many tools available to them to help locate and gain payment from non-

supporting parents. Tools available to help collect include the ability to withhold income, intercept state and federal taxes, put a hold on a passport, and possibly even get licenses of any kind suspended. Most cases do not require harsh measures that would restrict employment, since the goal is to collect owed child support from the offender's income. Catawba County consistently ranks in the top 10 counties in North Carolina in its Child Support Performance Factors.

According the NC Division of Social Services, every year there are over 300,000 North Carolina families who struggle to get by due to non-custodial parents failure to pay child support. The state of NC and Catawba County are firmly committed to enforcing the payment of child support.

To get help with your court ordered child support, contact 828-695-4405 or 1-800-992-9457.

Check out the 12 Most Wanted on the Catawba County website at

<http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/cs/Twelve.pdf>.

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Attached: Most Wanted poster file



Catawba County's 12 Most Wanted NON-SUPPORTING PARENTS

 <p>Harold Lee Baker, Jr. DOB: 9/23/1964 6' 210 lbs Black Hair / Brown eyes \$22,278 Catawba County</p>	 <p>Melanie Eckard Stafford DOB: 7/17/75 5'8" 135 lbs Brown eyes / Brown hair \$7,632 OFA-2 \$1,000/\$500 Burke/Catawba County- Longview area</p>
 <p>Ricky Douglas Baucom DOB: 10/14/1962 5' 7" 175 lbs Brown/ Grey hair / Brown eyes \$11,445 Mecklenburg/Union County</p>	 <p>Elijah Rashard Gibbs DOB: 12/2/74 5'7" 155 lbs Black hair/ Brown eyes \$6,275 Catawba County</p>
 <p>Tony Lee Streeter DOB: 5/27/68 5'3" 140 lbs Black hair/ Brown eyes \$41,040 OFA-2 \$2,500/\$1,500 Burke/Catawba County</p>	 <p>James Paul Cope DOB: 01/29/74 5'3" 200 lbs Brown hair/ Blue eyes \$20,268 Alexander/Catawba County</p>
 <p>Antwain L. McKinzie DOB: 10/20/67 5'9" 165 lbs Black hair/ Brown eyes \$29,427 OFA \$1,000 Mecklenburg County</p>	 <p>John T. Rankin DOB: 2/20/74 6' 220 lbs Blond hair/ Blue eyes \$15,249 OFA \$2,000 Catawba County</p>
 <p>Michael C. Cardwell DOB: 04/25/1960 5'9" 250 lbs Brown hair/ Blue eyes \$2,385 Caldwell County</p>	 <p>Ricky D. Carter DOB: 9/11/64 5'9" 240 lbs Bald / Blue eyes \$10,931 OFA \$5,000 Union County</p>
 <p>Wayne Edward Clark DOB: 11/25/68 5'5" 130 lbs Black hair Brown eyes \$14,848 OFA \$2,000 Caldwell/Catawba County</p>	 <p>Jonathan S Reinhardt DOB: 4/25/75 5'4" 160 lbs Brown hair / Blue eyes \$7,526 OFA \$2,000 Catawba County</p>

**If you know the location of any of these individuals
Call Child Support Enforcement at 828-695-4405.
Nights or weekends call 828-464-3112**